

Assemblyman Thomas Urges Government Consolidation

Some of the reasons for the increase in taxes were outlined by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas in a speech before the Carson Civic Betterment Assn. last week.

To prevent further increases in taxes the general services of local government—fire, health, police, and others—should be consolidated, he said. Consolidation of city and county government, similar to that of San Francisco would be a great saving to the taxpayer, he opined.

Some of the reasons for tax increases, he said, are:

1. Overlapping functions of various departments.
2. Bond issues voted by the people for various improvements.

3. Little income in local government.

The present formula for distribution of gas taxes—55 per cent for Southern California and 45 per cent for the north—should be changed to 65 per cent for the south and 35 per cent for the north, he said. This would be equitable in comparison to the amount of money Southern California motorists pay into the fund, he declared. Funds are allotted after maintenance costs of state highways are taken out.

The Assemblyman urges passage of a bond issue and Constitutional amendment to bring Feather River water to Los Angeles. The \$1,600,000,000 project would take 15 years to complete, involving a dam larger than either Hoover or Shasta Dams. Unless this constitutional amendment is passed in 1958, there is no assurance that this area ever will get water from the north, he said.



PRIZEWINNER . . . Grand sweepstakes winner of the Marymount Palos Verdes Fourth annual Song Contest held last Saturday and Sunday was the senior class. With their "Mission Fiesta" theme, the Seniors took first place awards in two categories and in costumeing. Marymount Palos Verdes Seniors who helped win the plaque for their class included (from left) standing, Allecia Gatti, 4248 W. 178th St.; Gloria Bowen, 1225 Madrid Ave.; Ethelmae Britt, Hawthorne; Sitting, Peggy Ravis, Palos Verdes Estates.

L. A. Waterman Takes Job With Harbor Area Scouts

L. A. Waterman has been named assistant district executive for the Harbor District of the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. It was revealed at the recent 35th annual dinner.

A native of San Pedro, Waterman attended local schools and graduated from San Pedro High School. His college training includes two years at Compton JC, one year at UCLA, and two years at Long Beach State, graduating with a Bachelor of arts degree in sociology.

Many Jobs
He has served in several volunteer positions in Scouting including assistant scoutmaster, assistant Explorer advisor and neighborhood commissioner. After completion of two years of Army service and college graduation, he attended the 184th National Training School for Scout Executives in Mendham, N.J.

He is a member of A. F. E. Irwin Lodge 645, F&AM, of San Pedro; holder of the degree of Chevalier, and is a past master councillor of San Pedro DeMolay 614. He was also active in other youth organizations of the Harbor area, serving two years as a member of the junior board of directors of the San Pedro Boys' Club and PAG of San Pedro, AZZ 198. He is also associated with San Pedro B'nai B'rith 1106.

Serves Harbor
As assistant district executive of the Harbor district,



L. A. WATERMAN
Scout Executive

Waterman will serve in Gardena, Long Beach, San Pedro, Torrance, Wilmington and Harbor City.

Working with John Walgren, district executive, and Maurice Hoag, field executive, Waterman joins the team with the newly installed district volunteer leaders: James L. Rush, chairman; Bob Cooper, commissioner; Cdr. A. F. Benschel, activities chairman; Thomas Wilkes, advancement chairman; Arthur Basile, camping chairman; Dean L. Sears, finance chairman; Harvey Harms, organization and extension chairman, and John R. Donley, training chairman.

Working with the Harbor District Boy Scout program, A Torrance as district members at large are Howard A. Wood, M.D., and Paul Shinoda.

Disney to Lead Nations Parade At Park Today

Walt Disney, whose entertainment endeavors have crossed all language barriers into countries throughout the world, will serve as Grand Marshal for Disneyland's "Parade of All Nations" this today, Dec. 15.

The glittering international parade will highlight traditional Christmas celebrations and customs in the nations of Europe, Latin America and Asia. More than 20 foreign nations and over 2000 people will participate.

Opening program in Disneyland's two-week long Christmas festival which is carrying out the theme "Christmas Around the World," the Parade of All Nations will begin at 2 p.m. Dancing and choral groups, school and youth bands, equestrians and representatives from foreign consulates in Los Angeles will take part, along with the Disneyland Band and Disneyland's "Dickens Christmas Carolers."

Disneyland's regular schedule, during which the park is open from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., will be in effect through Dec. 19. Beginning Friday, Dec. 20 and continuing through Tuesday, Dec. 31, Disneyland will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Disneyland has also scheduled a special New Year's Eve party from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Dec. 31.

Enlistees in Air Force to Get Leaves

A "Christmas (Enlistment) Package" awaits qualified veterans from the Torrance area of any of the Armed Services who enlist in the Air Force now, according to Sgt. Leland "Lee" Mason of the USAF Recruiting Office in San Pedro.

Eligible veterans from the Torrance area joining the Air Force now are immediately placed on pay status and may take up to 30 days' Holiday leave prior to reporting for duty, Sergeant Mason said.

Survivors include a brother, Dan; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hattrup; and Mrs. Ada Scholey; and aunts, Betty and Margaret Hattrup, all of Gardena.

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